Development of airports in Himachal Pradesh

734. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air facilities in Himachal Pradesh are very poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government for the development of the existing airports and setting up of new airports in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which the work is expected to be completed; and

(f) the total expenditure involved in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At Simla, the works of development/construction of basic strip and new fire station have been initiated. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up upgradation works like construction of new terminal building, fire station, MT workshop, car park etc. at Kullu airport. For extension of runway, IIT Roorkee who have been appointed to carry out feasibility study have just submitted its report. At Kangra airport, infrastructure have been developed and upgraded for operation of 50 seater type of aircraft.

(e) The developmental works are in different phases of completion.

(f) A total of Rs. 2547.71 lakhs has been earmarked for Kullu and Kangra airports and Rs. 98.29 lakhs has been earmarked for Shimla airport.

National Aeronautics Commission

†735. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Aeronautics

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Commission for better co-ordination and management between civil and military aviation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Aeronautical Society of India has recommended to constitute the National Aeronautics Commission. No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

Disconnection of PM's aircraft with Control Tower

736. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that while landing, the Prime Minister's aircraft got disconnected with the control tower of the Delhi airport;

(b) if so, for how long the aircraft remained disconnected with the control tower;

(c) the reasons for such a disconnection and the negligence on the part of the concerned authorities who are responsible for this; and

(d) what certainty are there that such incidents shall not be occur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The period for which the aircraft did not receive tower transmission was 09 seconds. The communication remained intermittent for a period of 04 Minute and 40 seconds.

(c) The incident occurred due to the intermittent contact in mike provided at the control tower which caused momentary failure of communication between the control tower and the Prime Minister's aircraft. As per the findings of preliminary inquiry conducted in the matter, immediate action was taken to suspend two executives on duty at that time.